

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to call for a limited range wireless device. If the wireless device is not able to communicate with a base station, an operation of the device is disabled. Thus, since the wireless device communicates over a limited range wireless protocol, if the device is taken outside its range, it is automatically disabled.

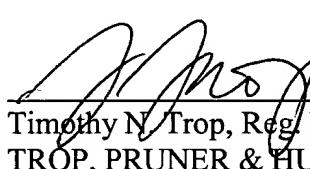
The cited reference has no such system. Instead, in the cited system, there is no use of the concept of a limited range wireless communication protocol and automatic disabling in response to a failure to establish communications. Instead, the location of the device is determined by a global positioning system device and, if the device ranges too far, it is disabled.

The present invention can accomplish a comparable operation without the need for any kind of GPS equipment. If the device is taken outside its wireless range with a base station, an operation is disabled automatically.

Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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